

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 159

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

March 29, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 159—Relative to the CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 159, as introduced, Salas. CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange at State Routes 43 and 198 in the County of Kings as the CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs, including the star of the Department of the California Highway Patrol, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Keith Melvin Giles was born on July 21, 1940, to
- 2 Melvin and Thelma Giles, in Tulare, California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Keith Giles had three siblings: Gary, who was
- 4 Keith’s twin brother, Linda, and Greg; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Keith Giles graduated from Corcoran High School
- 6 in 1957, graduated from the College of the Sequoias shortly
- 7 thereafter, and also attended Fresno State College; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Keith Giles proudly served in the United States
- 9 Army from 1963 to 1965 and achieved the rank of corporal; and

1 WHEREAS, Keith Giles married his best friend, Wilma, on
2 March 7, 1964, and had three wonderful children: Karen, born
3 March 5, 1967, Kelly, born October 20, 1969, and Darren, born
4 November 5, 1973; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a California Highway Patrol
6 officer, Keith Giles worked as a farmer and was actively involved
7 in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Giles graduated from the California
9 Highway Patrol Academy on May 28, 1970, with CTC I-70 and,
10 upon graduation, he was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs Area
11 where he proudly served for approximately four years; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Giles, badge number 7403, was killed in
13 the line of duty on August 25, 1974, while making a traffic stop
14 shortly after 2:00 a.m. He was standing on the left side of the
15 stopped vehicle when a passing car drifted over the edge of the
16 roadway and struck him, killing him almost instantly. The errant
17 driver apparently dozed off and may have been under the influence
18 of alcohol; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Giles was a hardworking, dedicated officer
20 who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was
21 known for his devotion to his family and his love of law
22 enforcement; and

23 WHEREAS, Officer Giles was admired for his hard work in the
24 Corcoran farming community; and

25 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Giles' great contributions
26 and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol and the
27 citizens of California, it would be fitting to designate the
28 interchange at State Routes 43 and 198 in the County of Kings in
29 his honor; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designate the
32 interchange at State Routes 43 and 198 in the County of Kings as
33 the CHP Officer Keith M. Giles Memorial Interchange; and be it
34 further

35 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
36 to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, including
37 the star of the Department of the California Highway Patrol,
38 consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway
39 system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving

1 donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those
2 signs; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
5 for appropriate distribution.

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